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The Appomattox Trust Company was found to be in financial straits in 1909. In the month of October of that year, the directors elected W. L. Zimmer, president in place of Davis, and West A. Worth, cashier, in place of Bishop, and succeeded in borrowing from the Bank of Commerce and Trusts of Richmond, a sufficient sum of money to pay all pressing indebtedness and to place the bank on a firm financial basis. Davis turned over to the bank all of his property, including the famous Centre Hill residence, in which he lived, and at which President Taft was entertained two years ago during his stay in the city. The bank's capital and surplus amounted to more than \$200,000, and on account of excellent management of its affairs since October, 1909, is said to have recovered from the unseasoned overdrafts.

Charles H. Davis is the manager of the Southern Commercial Congress, with headquarters in Washington, and he is chairman of the executive committee of that organization, which holds its annual meeting this year in Atlanta, on March 8 and 9. He is also a member of the Virginia Bar Association, and is an Assistant Attorney-General of Virginia, and A. S. Davis, president of the Southern Female College.

The Appomattox Trust Company, as is well known, purchased the home of the Young Men's Christian Association on Commerce Street, for \$100,000, in which it established its banking quarters and conducted its business. On the election of Mr. Zimmer and Mr. Worth the same building was occupied until destroyed by the fire of December 1, 1910. At the time of the destruction of the building, the name of the Appomattox Trust Company was dropped, and the American Bank and Trust Company was organized in its stead, and the business and property of the former was taken over and all its liabilities assumed. At this meeting of the stockholders, the name of the Appomattox Trust Company was stricken off, to cover alleged losses. At that meeting of the stockholders some very plain talks were made.

The failure of the grand jury has never been made public, and jurors and witnesses decline to tell what it was. Bank officials soon tonight decline to discuss the matter, but hint that the conduct of the bank's affairs was remarkable in many respects, and indications were turned by the grand jury tell the story.

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This fur business in many stores is a skin game.

Some of the imposters "smell the skies"—many a skunk masquerades as sable.

Here we call a spade a spade, a mink a mink, a muskrat a muskrat.

\$190 mink lined, black broad-cloth overcoat, persian collar, now \$135.85.

\$150.00 muskrat lined, black broad-cloth overcoat, astraghan collar—now \$115.85.

\$25 Automobile fur coats at \$7.85.

\$60 Chinchilla coats at \$39.85.

\$25 English "Slipons," now \$17.85.

\$50 English "Slipons," Raglan shoulders—now \$35.85.

\$15 overcoats at \$9.85.

Two more weeks in February and March yet to come, not to mention next winter!

Boys and Girls' coats, greatly reduced in prices, too.

Opening Day Dunlap Hats Spring—1911

We display to-day the new styles in headgear for men according to the world's greatest hatter—Dunlap.

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## FEDERAL TROOPS ATTACK REBELS

Hundreds of People in California Town Watch Skirmish.

Mexico, February 15.—A Mexican town of 100,000 people, situated on the border of California, was the scene of a battle between Federal troops and insurgents. The Federal troops, numbering 1,000 men, were defeated and retreated to the border.

Several wounded men were brought to the international line and one man, wounded in the head, was taken to the United States for medical treatment.

United States troops watched the battle from the border, but did not intervene.

Hundreds of people watched the battle from the house tops in California, Cal., across the line from Mexico.

New York, February 15.—The reappearance of Francisco I. Madero, the provisional president of Mexico, today in the little border town of Guadalupe, brought an acknowledgment of his return from his brother, Gustavo A. Madero, that the rebel chief has been hiding in America.

"My brother has been part of the time in El Paso," said Gustavo Madero. "It is true that he is now at Guadalupe, but he is not there to lead a rebellion. He is there to spread the word of peace and to bring about a reconciliation between the two sides."

A board of strategy has been formed, and he will share in its deliberations. It is not yet planned that he should lead the field in person. We do not know the ability of the military leader; he does not know the military leader; he does not know the military leader.

"Ordoz has been superseded, but he will now act in closer co-operation with the Federal generals. We do not feel that the failure to storm Guadalupe without success is a serious setback. It would have been desirable to take Juarez if it were possible, but the present position of the Federal forces has its advantages."

"Rebels certainly are not in the relief of Juarez. Great moral and strategic points, which they had to abandon without success, are still in the hands of the Federal forces. The rebels are now garriboled by only a few Federal troops, and between Juarez and Chihuahua the country is in our possession."

"What do we care how many men the government corps up in Juarez? They are not our men, and what we want is to spread the word of peace. The more the country is left open to the quicker progress we shall make. When we solidly and firmly force it will be an easy matter to startle Juarez off."

It is cut off from the South already. Gustavo Madero made the unqualified statement that the many Federal officers suspected of sympathy with the insurgents have been executed secretly at Mexico City, but that so strict has been the discipline that no word hinting either at disloyalty or the army or at discipline by the government has been permitted to leak out from the city since Madero left for Washington to-night.

May Fire on Aviators.

Mexico City, February 15.—Aviators who may attempt to fly across the frontier are to be made the target for rebel bullets with the purpose of bringing about a compromise between the governments of Mexico and the United States, according to information that reached the committee here from sources which they consider trustworthy.

To Alfonso Madero, brother of the rebel leader, was attributed the declaration that revolutionaries along the frontier have been given orders by directors of the movement to fire upon American aviators in such a manner that they would be compelled to return to the United States.

The revolutionary leaders are said to believe that such a result will result in complications which would benefit their cause. A special to the Herald from Torreon stated that rebels yesterday looted the stores of a Canadian, appointed their own jefe politico, and marched to the town of Torreon.

At Velazquez, they confiscated all horses and arms provisions. One man shouted, "Bah to the United States!" and was immediately shot by the band. Americans were not molested.

The band, numbering 200 men on foot and 200 mounted, are encamped at Ciudad Juarez. This latest depredation is regarded as important, since it is the first American property levied upon. American Vice Consul de la Torre is gathering data upon the affair for transmission to Washington.

LEPROSY ON BOARD SHIP.

Norfolk Authorities Will See That Vessel Is Thoroughly Fumigated.

Norfolk, Va., February 15.—The British steamship Eskdale, from Baltimore to New York via Norfolk, and now supposed to be on her way down Chesapeake Bay for this port, is reported to have a case of leprosy on board.

The victim being Wong Sam, a Chinese merchant crew member. When this information came to-day from Baltimore, Dr. Powhatan S. Schenck, who is filling the position of quarantine officer until his successor is named by the Governor, was seen and asked what his attitude would be when the Eskdale arrives here.

Dr. Schenck said he would take up the case at once and see that the Eskdale upon her arrival is thoroughly fumigated, adding that the matter would be dealt with as the circumstances may warrant.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy of Music—Dark.

Bijou—888 Hopkins', mutineer and Lubin—Vandyke.

Vladish Players at Their Best.

If the Yiddish-speaking population of Richmond had known what a treat was in store for them last night, the Academy of Music would have been sold out, instead of being only half full.

In a certain speech after the third act, Max Gabel, the author of the play and the director of the performance, deplored the lack of interest shown by his own people, not only in his efforts and those of his company, but in general in the work of Yiddish playwrights and actors.

Reviewer has taken occasion to say before there are few, if any, actors on the American stage who are capable of understanding the art of these wonderful people, even though they could not understand one word that was spoken because their muffled faces, effective features and marvelous tones "put over" every emotion and feeling.